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Republican prospects for taking control of the next Congress are much better today than four years ago this month when the Republicans moved on to victory in November, 1946.

On every off year election Republicans have gained Congressional seats. Only seven seats are needed to capture control of the Senate and the prospects are most encouraging.

If we do not watch out in another month we will be overconfident.

Five million unemployed and ten million on shorter time mean forty-five million Americans who are feeling the pinch.

The fruits of our tariff cuts are beginning to appear. Seventeen national labor unions have already banded themselves together to preserve and protect American jobs.

Meanwhile the administration announces a program to double our imports from seven billion to fourteen billion by further tariff cuts.

Tariffs have already been cut to the lowest point in our history by Presidential action.

The average tariff today is under fifteen percent as against sixty percent a few years ago.

Over sixty per cent of our imports now come in duty free -- such as coffee and rubber and tin.

Doubling our imports will mean trebling the imports competing with our protected industries and can only result in disaster.

Belgian and French steel is undercutting American steel along the Atlantic coast today. Meanwhile American has been furnishing millions to build more modern steel plants in Europe.

The farmer in the dell will soon be the farmer on the dole under the present program.

Dozens of more agricultural products are slated for reduction in the new tariff conference announced for Torquay in England.

Yet in one year we have seen our export surplus of farm products transformed into an import surplus of farm products that at the present rate will run this year to one billion dollars.

On manufactured goods America always loses on the exchange because we export items produced by highly mechanized industries and we import items where much labor is required.

The result is that we put at least one American out of a job on every exchange.

The administration blandly suggests putting American workers on the dole as a result of this dislocation.

Under Secretary of State, James Webb, candidly admits his program for \$15,000,000,000 of imports will "require in the national interest a subordination of certain particular benefits which certain particular groups of citizens would like to enjoy."

Mr. Webb comes from a cotton producing state and represents an administration which absolutely prohibits by the quota system the importation of cotton.

America will soon rid itself of the pinks and the punks who all too long have bedeviled our economy.

We are unalterably opposed to Socialized Medicine in any form or in any disguise in which it may masquerade. Our opposition shall be vigorous, forthright and unfailing. We are convinced that our constantly improving standard of medical care for all of our people can be much better carried forward under our time-honored, proven and traditional American system. We shall fight unceasingly against the adoption of an alien, socialistic scheme for medical care because we know it is not good for our people, for the medical profession, or for our country.

We endorse the statement of Republican Principles and Objectives adopted by the Republican members of the United States House of Representatives and the Republican members of the United States Senate and concurred in by the members of the Republican National Committee on February 6, 1950.

We want every farmer to know that the Brannan Plan advocated by the Democratic Administration, in addition to all its other faults, provides for drastic fines, penalties and jail sentences. These include a \$500 fine for failing to keep records and make reports, and a fine of \$1,000 and a sentence of one year in jail for making a false report. We do not believe that the farmer wants to live in that kind of America.



## FARMERS ON THE DOLE

Will the United States Continue to be an Agricultural Country?

The farmer in the dell will be on the dole before long if present trends continue. Our domestic markets are being opened more and more to products grown in foreign countries; foreign markets are being closed tighter and tighter against our exports.

In January 1949, imports of farm products amounted to 252 million dollars.

In January 1950, just one year later, imports amounted to 292 million dollars.

In January 1949, exports of farm products amounted to 324 million dollars.

In January 1950, just one year later, exports had dropped to 225 million dollars.

Imports of agricultural products in January 1950 exceeded exports by more than 68 million dollars. IF THIS TREND CONTINUES, IMPORTS IN 1950 WILL EXCEED EXPORTS BY WELL OVER A BILLION DOLLARS — AND THERE IS MORE TO COME.

Our white-tie-and-tails diplomats are still not satisfied. Their calloused minds and uncalloused hands are still busy preparing new devices to provide more imports.

Farmers and fishermen were the sacrificial goats on the altar of free trade during the last bundle of tariff agreements in 1949. OVER 83 PERCENT OF THE CUTS WERE ON PRODUCTS OF DIRECT INTEREST TO THE FARMER AND FISHERMAN.

Many new tariff reductions are coming. Another big tariff cutting spree has been announced for next September at Torquay, England. DOZENS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WILL BE ON THE LIST OF ITEMS SLATED FOR DUTY REDUCTIONS AND GREATER IMPORTS.

Even now efforts are being made to increase the imports of dried beans, although the Government owns millions of pounds it cannot dispose of.

Secretary of State Acheson and ECA Administrator Hoffman are advocating greater and still greater imports of farm and other products EVEN THOUGH IT MEANS INJURY TO AMERICAN AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY. THEY ARE ACTUALLY RECOMMENDING DOLES FOR FARMERS WHO CANNOT MARKET THEIR PRODUCTS AND WORKERS WHO CANNOT FIND JOBS BECAUSE OF EXCESSIVE IMPORTS.

Socialism will meet its test at the polls next November. There are nearly 5 million unemployed in the United States today and millions more are working part time. Marketing agreements and farm prices are being attacked and undermined and imports increase monthly. The farmer in the dell has a problem — Does he want a dole?